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1. The commission charged with preparing plans for strengthening the Iranian Army has transmitted its report to the chief of the general staff. The plans will be put into effect at earliest after the Iranian New Year (21 Mar 54) if the preliminary condition, the settlement of the oil question, is fulfilled by then.
2. The numerical strength of the Army, which now is about 120,000, is to be tripled at once and later possibly raised to 400,000 to 500,000 men. Contrary to previous reports, Zahedi proposes no reduction of the period of service.
3. The purposes aimed at are the strengthening of the government, reduction of unemployment, and increase of Iran's usefulness as an ally. Only after the army increase has been carried out will Iran be prepared to enter into a pact plan.
4. It is expected that Zahedi will name General Carzan, at present troop commander at Shiraz, as chief of the general staff to carry through the army increase.
5. According to a report as yet unconfirmed, Lieutenant General Dadsetan, the present Military Governor of Teheran, will be appointed governor general of the petroleum province of Khuzestan, with his seat at Ahwaz, and also troop commander of the 6th military district. Dadsetan is especially trusted by the Shah and Zahedi. His successor will be Major General Bachtiar, the present commander of the Teheran armored brigade.

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